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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN/MALTESE RELATIONS

1. AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER CUTTS CALLED MORNING JULY 23 AND LEFT FOLLOWING TIDBITS ON AUSTRALIAN-MALTESE RELATIONS.
2. MALTESE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO AUSTRALIA FORACE (ALSO NON-RESIDENT TO PEKING AND PYONGYANG) HAS RETURNED TO CANBERRA FROM PEKING AND WAS SCHEDULED TO SEE WHITLAM TODAY. CUTTS SAID AUSTRALIANS UNDERSTAND HE HAS TWO ITEMS OF BUSINESS.
3. FIRST CONCERNS POSSIBLE VISIT BY MINTOFF TO AUSTRALIA. FORACE APPARENTLY INSTRUCTED TO GO IN AND PRESS AGAIN FOR SOME AUSTRALIAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROMISE IN ORDER THAT MINTOFF MAY VISIT AUSTRALIA AND COME BACK WITH SOMETHING TO SHOW FOR IT. CUTTS SAYS MINTOFF HAS HINTED THROUGH FORACE THAT IF NO ASSISTANCE FORTHCOMING, FORACE'S RESIDENCE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO PEKING AND HE WOULD ONLY PAY OCCASIONAL VISITS TO AUSTRALIA.

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4. COMMENT: THIS WOULD HARDLY MAKE SENSE. WITH MALTESE

COLONY IN AUSTRALIA APPROACHING 300,000 (ACCORDING TO CUTTS) FORACE CERTAINLY HAS MUCH MORE BUSINESS THERE THAN IN PEKING. FURTHERMORE, FORACE IS MALTESE EMIGRANT WHO RENOUNCED HIS AUSTRALIAN NATIONALITY TO BECOME HIGH COMMISSIONER. CUTTS THINKS IT IS DOUBTFUL HE WOULD PERSONALLY ACCEPT MOVE TO PEKING.

5. SECOND POINT OF BUSINESS IS THAT FORACE IS CARRYING MESSAGE TO WHITLAM FROM KIM IL-SONG. ACCORDING TO CUTTS, AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN KEEPING POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH PYONGYANG ON BACK BURNER.
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